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Edwin Méndez Principal

To the graduating class of University High School, 2017:

So we've come to goodbye. The school year (as it always seems to do) went by in a flash and the boys and girls that entered the building in September, are leaving as young men and women in June. It's a time that always produces a swell of emotions in me: Pride, for all you've accomplished, joy as I share in yours, hope for your future and sadness to see you go. There are many things that we've tried to instill in you here at your University High School but one thing that will come to you rather than being taught is nostalgia for your alma mater. You will always be a Phoenix. I should know: I've always been one as well.

At the beginning of the school year when I was given the great honor of leading our school as its Principal, I immediately recalled being one of its students and standing in the same place you stand now. You can imagine how that must feel. The fact that you are all the first graduates to leave a school under my leadership makes this year (and this class) even more special. There is a certain destiny that has brought us together and will make us live in our memories for as long as you recall your golden days here at The University High School....OUR University High School. As far as your ambition leads, wherever your lives may take you and whatever may befall, you must never forget that you are a Phoenix and renewal is part of the plan. There will never be a time when you are done with refinement. Think of your years here as the beginning of this cycle. So, although we say farewell now, there are many new beginnings ahead. May God watch over you and bless you and all your undertakings. I wish you all the very best.

Administrative Team



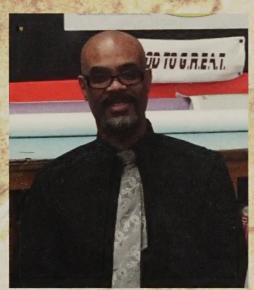
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Vice Principal of
Curriculum & Instruction



Elizabeth Blackmon
Vice Principal of
Curriculum & Instruction



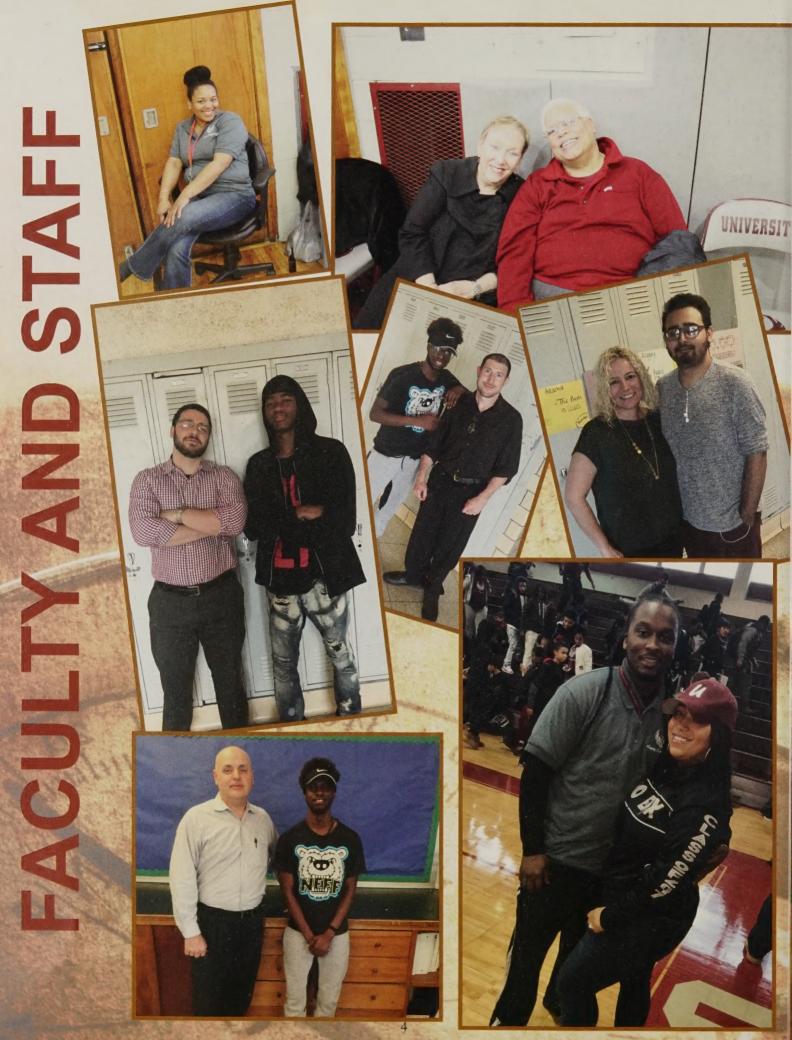
Hassanah Blake
Vice Principal of
Curriculum & Instruction



Henri Fredrique
Vice Principal of
Curriculum & Instruction



Ronald Morse
Vice Principal of
School Climate and Culture



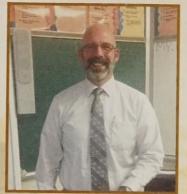
Language Arts and Humanities



Erin Berman



Alina Dunker-Ware



Donald Fourre



Jessica Fultz



Sheila Gray



Scott Hood



Roberto Inclan



Makentorche Julien



Richt Rubio



Zakea Stewart

Not Photographed: Susana Ruesta Eunice Singleton

"People are capable, at any time in their lives, of doing what they dream of."

-Paulo Coelho, The Alchemist

Humanities & Fine Arts



Kevin Arroyo



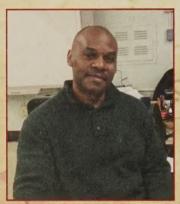
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Stacy Coppola



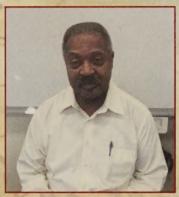
Mark DeFalco



Ishwann Dixon



Susan Febinger



Lynwood Lawson



Dr. Liza Lopez



Domonique Roberts



Greg Tuttle

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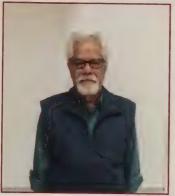
"Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up." ~

Pablo Picasso

Mathematics & Technology



Joel Bleah



Ifikhar Husain



Amritpreet Kaur



Beatrice McFarlin



Zakkiyah Muhammad



Moriamo Okundaye



Angelica Osoria



Peter Santino



Roberto Suarez

Did you know that...

- 1. A pizza that has radius "z" and height "a" has volume $Pi \times z \times z \times a$.
- 2. The word hundred is derived from the word "hundrath", which actually means 120 and not 100.
- 3. The number 4 is considered unlucky in much of Asia.
- 4. Cicadas use prime numbers as an evolutionary strategy.
- 5. 555 is used by some in Thailand as slang for "hahaha", because the word for "five" is pronounced "ha".

Science & Physical Education



Mary Dean



Dr. Bonnie Diehl



Monika Hannemann



Danielle Kelly



Mildred Nyawade



Dr. Fazal Rahimi



Kevin Ware



LaShaun Williams



Victoria Wilson

"Life is like riding a bicycle.

To keep your balance, you

must keep moving."

~Albert Einstein

Support Staff



Monic Lockett School Counselor



Hubert McQueen School Counselor



Lawren Monroe Social Worker



Dr. Grace Beaumont School Nurse



Ms. Baasit ***
Child Study Team



Dr. Witcher Child Study Team



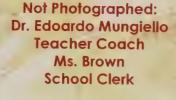
Sharanda Shabazz School Clerk



Cynthia Perry School Clerk



Felecia Williams School Operations Manager

















"Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself."

~George Bernard Shaw/



7th Grade

Gifted & Talented



Kendrick Berry



Semya Bryant



Ashley Dominguez



Shaniyah Fisher



Stephon Flood



Tristan Harcourt



Muhammad Ibn Abdul Kabir



Vanessa Iwuoha



Khaaliq Johnson



Najmah Johnson



Ayumei Joseph



Brisean Mack



Ahkir Newsome



Eddie Norales



Kennedy Onley



Octavia Ramsay



Seth Robertson



Xavier Russel



Asiah Shabazz



A'meel Thomas-Baker

Freshmen



Emani Abdullah



Samiyah Auguste



Jamirr Baker



Kamayah Barnes



Malaina Barrett



Shah Begum



Aazi Bembry



Devonte Bent



Daniela Bobadilla



Nahzae Branch



Nasire Branch



Zhae Braswell



Briana Brown



Kyasia Brown



Karla Cabrera



Sany Caicedo



Anthony Cantey



Shukur Carmichael



Jahari Carter-Smallwood



Irina Cassola

Freshmen



Rihah Christmas



Marcus Cineus



Marcus Cineus



Deijah Davis



Kamill Dawkins



Julio De Los Santos Jakeem Donaldson





Jason Easter



Aziza Fleming



Erik Guaman



Thyree Harris



Kalia Hatcher



Odio Herrera



Ciarra Hodges



Tarek Hossain



Angelique Millien



Janiyyah Morgan



Bayyinah Muhammad



Desiree Ortiz



Briana Perez

Freshmen



Katie Peterson



Taliah Sheffield



Ana Silva



Christopher Vargas



Darius Williams



India Williams



Zaire Williams



Johnasia Wright



La'Fayia Wright

"It is better to believe than to disbelieve; in so doing you bring everything to the realm of possibility."

~Albert Einstein

Sophomores



Amaya Anderson-Datus



Sanayah Anderson- Phabian Buchanan Datus





Kayla Burgman



Mezziah Chatman



Ricardo Cohn-Cruz



Omar Coleote



D'Andre Collins



Jalen Culver-Davis



Naomi DeJesus



Nyriq Dwight-Sutton



Ibn Easterling



TyQuan Finkley



Gian Gavilanes



Quaidyn Gayle





Marquail Hardiman Anthony Hedgespeth Gartield Hemley







Sophomores



Yaki Mack



Kiarei McCoy



Precious McKenith



Luis Mendez



Giovanny Montero



Jasmin Mungin



Marquise Neal



Yves Nieto



Roaldo Olivera



Christian Ortiz



Tablitha Pierre



Jaelynn Quittley



Christian Rojas



Seth Small



Deana Smith



Deana Smith

Traffic



Dyniah Stamps



Benz Suggs



Ayanna Thelemaque



Wali Thomas Jr.

Sophomores



Johanna Trinidad



Juan Vasquez-Guzman



Quanajah Watson



Shaylah White



Keche Williams



Niylah Williams



Skylin Williams



Kelvin Wilson



Jessica Yeboah



Ryan Zamora

"Umagination is more important than knowledge."

Albert Einstein

Juniors



Prince Abimah



Clinton Adu-Agyei



Chimazuru Akagha



Martha Arenas



Jaida Atkins



Shainahyla Ayo



Nahzir Barreto



Grace Blay



Arly Castillo



Nefertiti Cooper



Fantaysha Cuadrado



Byshir Desir



Dajah Dixon



De'Jane Dixon-James



Al-Quan Dwight



Eliezer Fernandez



Yusuf Goines



Zakirah Graham



Ikea Greene



Ike Harcourt

Juniors



Imani Harper



Aaron Jenkins



Emanni Jenkins



Majid Johnson



Monica Lassiter



Robert Leverett





Decontee Matthew Deanna Matthews



Ty-Saiah Moss



Andrew Orta



Andrew Orta



Daniel Owusu



Benjamin Padmore



Joshua Patterson



Jeanmarcos Perez



Meagan Pichardo



Rahyanna Powell-Bouie



Ja'Myra Ridley



Danielle Robinson



Khadijah Scott

Juniors



Kaylah Sewell



Carlos Shamburger



Hassad Shannon



Alliyah Spencer



Na'Dree Stewart



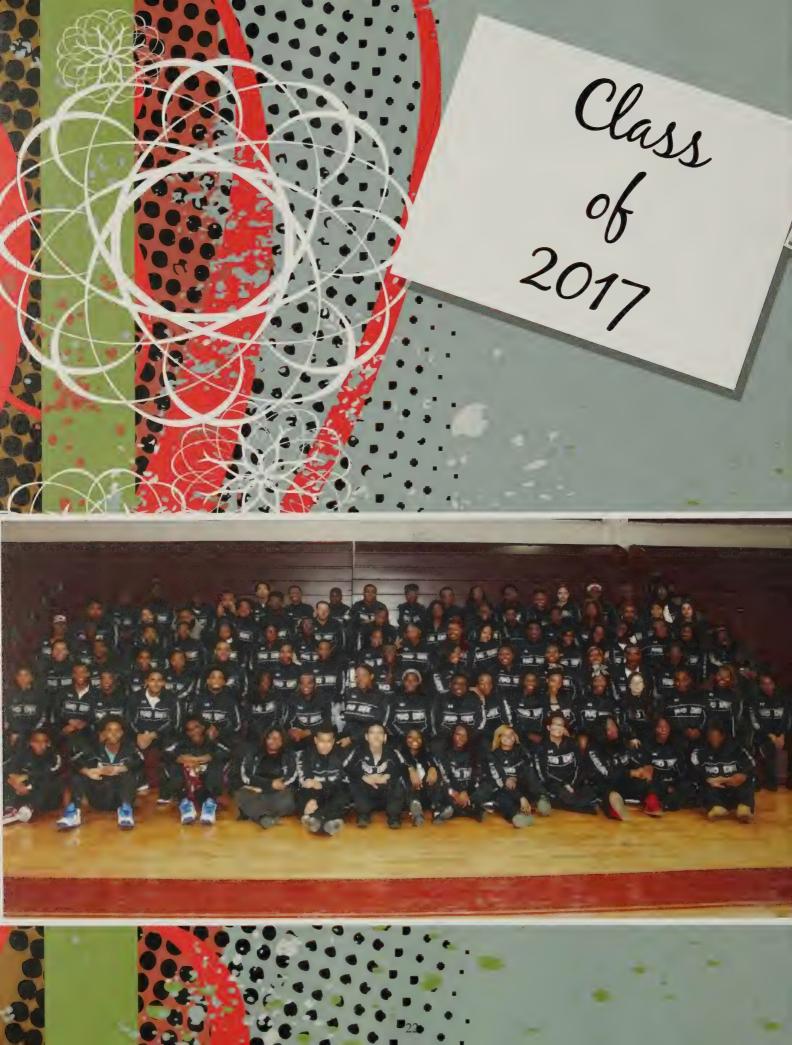
Ayonna Wallace



Kyleea Womack

"You have to learn the rules of the game. And then you have to play better than anyone else."

~Albert Einstein

























Life is the art of

drawing without

an eraser.

" That wasn't

like High

School Musical

at all"

"Im conceited.

I got a reason."

~Remy Ma

Sabbathina Agyei



Annika Aikens-Berry



Diane Akasike

"Live life to the

fullest, and focus

on the positive."

~Matt Cameron

"Sometimes the best memories are

sad because you

know they will

never happen

again"

~Unknown



"I didn't choose

this life; this life

chose me."

"I'm Getting

Better I'm At

Practice"

~ Future

"Either go hard

or move out of

the way for

someone who

really wants to

succeed."

~Anonymous

"Some call it

arrogant U call

it confident."

~Beyonce



Stacey Alcantara



Katherine Angulo



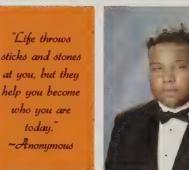
Bismi Asiatic



Rajiyah Baskerville



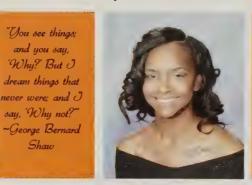
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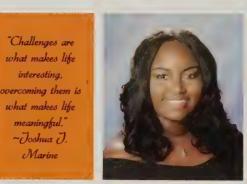
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Dwan Bouie



Mecca Brooks



Tiiera Broxton

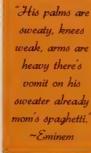


Nasir Bryant





Jose Caba



"Challenges are

what makes life

interesting,

what makes life

meaningful."

~Joshua J.

Marine



Velassity Carambot

"Un school, you're taught a lesson and then given a test. Un life you're given a test that teaches you a lesson." -~Tom Bodett



"Promise to my momma J'ma make it to the Jop ... So J'ma keep on climbing till my heartbeat drop." ~J.Cole



"There is nothing left to do but get drunk." ~ Franklin Dierce, 15th President of the United States



"I set out goals to make me a king, not a king of anybody else but me" ~Jupac Shakur

LaShonda Carter



"Always stay gracious, best revenge is your paper." ~Beyonce

Michael Casas

"You get in life what you have the courage to ask for. ~Oprah Winfrey

Stand up for what

you believe in,

"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail." ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

Khadijah Clarke



"Quiet people have the loudest minds" ~Stephen King



Keturah Clarke-Fulton

even if it means standing alone." ~Anonymous



Almira Coachman

"They pressing me like buttons down on a friday night."! ~Wicki Minaj

Tamara Conner



"Be original not a replica.



Delecia Crawford

Derrick Cooke

"We was young and we was dumb, but we had heart." ~Jupac Shakur

Tahjadean Cuttino

Iyana Cooper

"Not caring what people think is the best choice you'll ever make"

Amir Craig



"I was Beyonce, in a school full of Michelles.



I love you guys. I wish the best for you all. Not goodbye, but see you later.

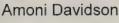


"They say a good education is the key to success, I hope they have a spare. Oh wait one last thing Leeroy Jenkins!!!!"

Iyannah Davis



Josten De Los Santos





"Live for you

and not others"

~Nelly

"Stay real,

Stay loyal, or

Stay away"

~Lil Durk

"There is only

one thing that makes a dream

impossible to

achieve: the fear

of failure."

~Paulo Coelho

"I'm still the

hottest im just

being honest.

~Swervoo



Michael Dixon-James



"If good enough

is good enough

for you then

you'll never

achieve

greatness."

~Steve Ferrante

"But I plan to

eat with the

people U starved

with."

~Logic

"Finding yourself

is the beginning of

all wisdom.

"Don't watch me

watch to!

Ohhhhh J

ammmm on

JU!

Nafee Dwight

"People can

change at any

moment, so

always watch the

company you

keep."

~J.D.

"Nobody exist

on purpose.

Nobody belongs

anywhere.

Everybody's

gonna die. Come

watch tv." ~Morty Smith

"Teamwork

work."

~John C.

Maxwell

"Always be

yourself unless

you suck...then

just give up."





Nichelle Diego

Nyrik Ellis



Tyrone Flounoy



Tanisha Foster



Aque'l Frazier



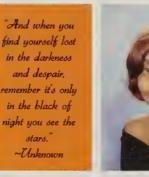
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Javandre House



Kyrie Howard



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im weird, Thank

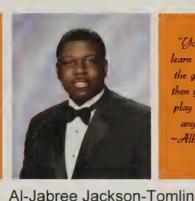


Kyle Hunter

"Just remember, you can't climb the ladder of success with your hands in your pockets." ~Arnold Schwarzenegger



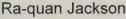
"You've got to get up every morning with determination if you're going to go to bed with satisfaction." - George Lorimer

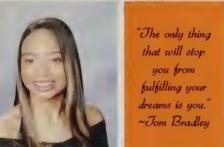


"You have to learn the rules of the game. And then you have to play better than anyone else." ~Albert Einstein



Thank you Ms. Blake!





J.E.A.R has
two meanings
"Forget everything
and run!" OR "
Face everything
and rise!" Pick
your choice.
"Unknown



Kaihlon Jones

"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe."

Anatole Trance

Gabrielle Johnson



"Handle your
business and cut
them checks."
~Joseline
Hernandez



Edwin Konadu

Diamond Jones

#YOLO (You Only Live Once)



Janet Kwateng

"Cry,Scream, and Stress now. Live lavish later."

"It's about that

time...U like

that.."

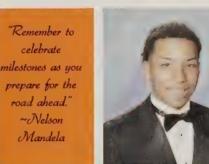
Fatyma Karamoko



"My presence was a present."



Jacquetta Lindore



~Unknown

Jade Lewin



"Ut's time to say goodbye, but U think goodbyes are sad and Ud much rather say hello.
Hello to a new adventure."
~Ernie Harwell



"Uf they don't have a story these days, they'll make one. Life is always on man. U never get a break from it."

~Champagnepapi



Jodiel Maisonet

"2k17 Was The Last Class Of The 90's Babies No One After Us I's Special."

Mabel Martinez

Quiyana McClain 27

I'Janiyah McCombs



People: You're so quiet, like you don't talk. Me: U talk, just not to you.



"Even if you're on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there." ~Unknown



Need Quote

Alexus McKoy



"Loyal girl got some knowledge put her on your payroll." ~G herbo



Bessy Nwamara

" We must accept the end of something in order to begin to build something new." ~Unknown

"High school is

the biggest cause

for stress,

quizzes are its

Need Quote

The only way to success is to be a big fan of your own work.

Indira Munn



"My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style. -Maya Angelou



Tiandra Oliver

symptoms, and sleep is it's only cure." ~Unknown



Bobola Ogunruku

"You can be the King, but watch the Queen conquer.

Olukemi Ogunruku



"Stars can't shine without darkness." "Follow your heart but take your brain with you." ~Unknown





"I think I'm almost too honest to be a politician"

~Donald Trump

Ashley Perez



"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference." ~Robert Frost



Madison Polley

Class of 2017



High Blood Pressure

Highschool =

Amber Rivera



Mildred Sarpong



Sundiata Shakur



Don't spend life

stressing over

failures, strive

and plan on

success!

"U got black girl magic, sprinkle

dust then I dip.

Enough of the

tea... I drink

champagne now.

Askia Sharif

"Earning and

I'm spending

make a broke

boy learn to pay

attention.

~G herbo

"You were here

but now you're

gone, nair."

~Unknown

"I'm living in the

future so the

present is my past.

So my presence is a present.

~Kayne West,

2010

J'm a

star ... How

could could I

not shine."

~Kanye West



"We came from

nothing so of

course we're gonna

embrace it when

we make it"

~Desean Jackson

"My Ambition

Jo Be Great

Stay Rising"

"You have to

fight through the

bad days in

order to earn the

best days"

~Unknown

" I'm usually

what they

whisper about -

either what chick

he with or his

chips amount."

"Kill them with

SUCCESS

and bury them

with a

SMULE.

~Drake

Dante Shearin



Breyannah Simon



Za'Kieyah Singleton



Harry Sisco



Christine Small



Destiny Smith



Melanie Soleyn



Jahniyyah Tarry



Donta Torres



Ivory Tyson



Success consists of drastic turns, but it depends whether or not you turn down the right road. (-Big Homie Uzi)



Life is the worst teacher. It gives you the test before the lesson." ~Unknown

"Sacrifices and

Hard work are

the keys to

success.



Shania Venable



Genesis Vasquez 29



"Eliminate what doesn't help you evolve. Your soil must be pure to flourish."

"Mommy J



"It was the worst of times, it was the best of times."



"U didnt choose the Glizzy life the Glizzy life choose me." -@Skyglizzy___

Brandon Walters

Jordan Ward

Skyie Watson



made it!



Of you don't stand for something, you will fall for anything. ~Alexander Hamilton



"A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step." ~Lao Jzu

Daguan Whych

David Williams

Kiyanda Williams



"Balling like its March Madness, all these cops shooting people tragic."



"If you haven't considered dropping out and becoming a stripper at least once in high ochool, you're lying."



"I am not Johnny, I am a legend."

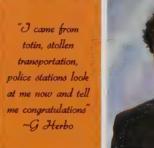
Tyler Williams

Natasha Wilson

Johnny Wright



Mazayah Young



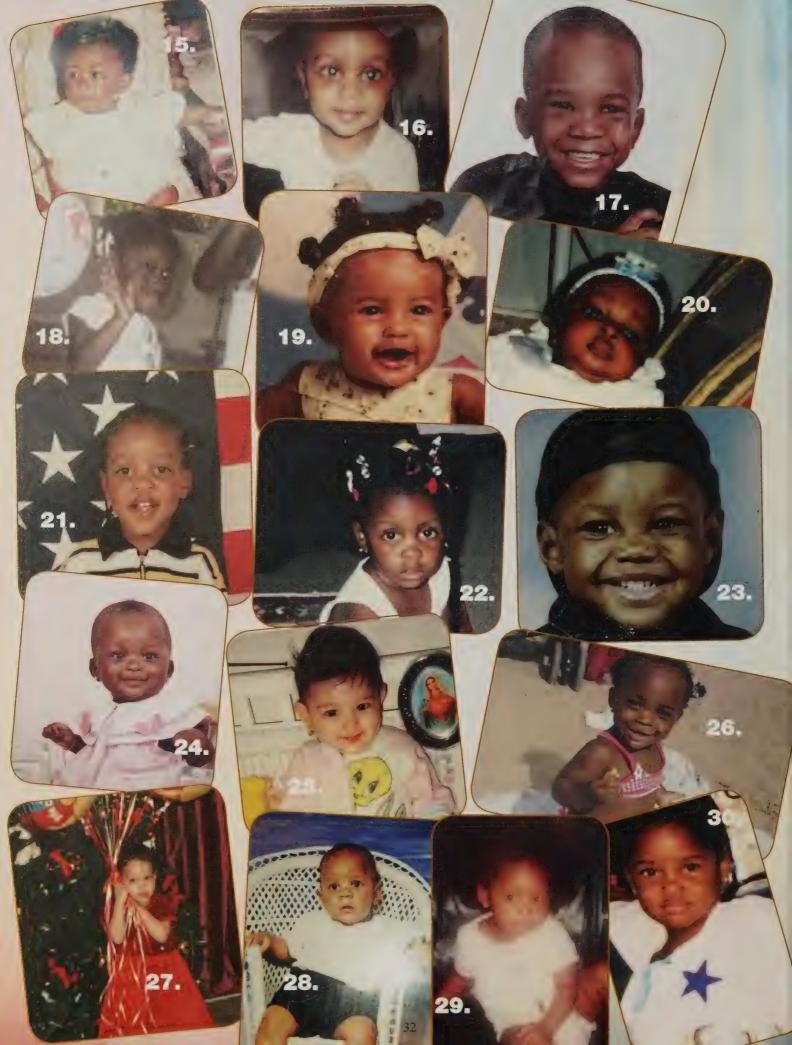
Za'Quan Younger



"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

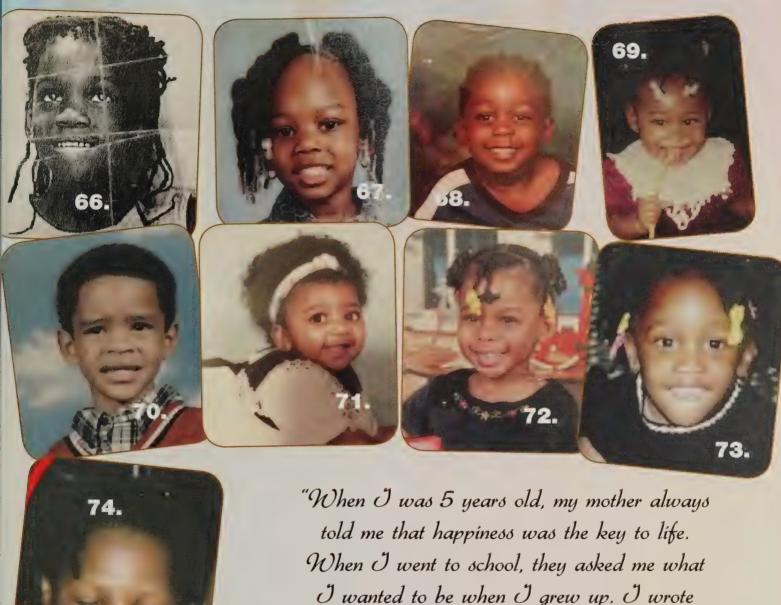
~Elenor Roosevelt











I wanted to be when I grew up. I wrote down 'happy'. They told me I didn't understand the assignment, and I told them they didn't understand life."

~John Lennon

- Za'Kieyah Singleton
- Velassity Carambot
- 3. Tyrell Uzzell
- 4. Tyler Williams
- 5. Tiiera Broxton
- 6. Tiandra Oliver
- 7. Tatyana Harold
- 8. Tanisha Foster
- 9. Sundiata Shakur
- 10. Stacey Alcantara 11. Skyle Watson
- 12. Shari Graham-Harris
- 13. Shania Venable
- 14. Sha-nyeyah Hollins
- 15. Sabbathina Agyei

- 16. Ryan Clark
- 17. Ra-quan Jackson
- 18. Rajiyah Baskerville
- 19. Quiyana McClain 20. Olukemi Ogunruku
- 21. Nyrik Ellis
- 22. Nichelle Diego
- 23. Nasir Bryant

- 24. Mildred Sarpong
- 25. Melanie Solevn
- 26. Madison Polley
- 27. Mabel Martinez 28. Kyrie Howard
- 29. Khadijah Clarke
- 30. Keturah Clarke-Fulton

- 31. Kelly Prempeh
- 32. Katherine Angulo
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- 34. Josten Del Los Santos
- 35. Jose Caba
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- 39. Javandre House
- 40. Janet Kwateng
- 41. Jacquetta Lindore
- 42. Iyannah Davis
- 43. Iyana Cooper
- 44. Indira Munn 45. l'Janiyah MूсСотbs

- 46. Ivory Tyson
- 47. Harry Sisco
- 48. Genesis Vazquez
- 49. Fatyma Karamoko
- 50. Edwin Konadu
- 51. Dwan Bouie
- 52. Donta Torres
- 53. Diane Akasike
- 54. Destiny Smith
- 55. Destiny Gibson
- 56. Derrick Cooke 57. Delecia Crawford
- 58. DaguanWhych
- 59. Dante Shearin 60. Christine Smalls

- 61. Breyannah Simon
- 62. Bobola Ogunruku
- 63. Ashley Perez
- 64. Amoni Davidson
- 65. Amir Craig
- 66. Almira Coachman
- 67. Al-Meeka Jenkins
- 68. Al-Jabree Jackson Tomlin
- 69. Annika Aikens-Berry
- 70. Hamid Muhammad
- 71. Kivanda Williams
- 72. Tahianaye Patterson
- 73. Diamond Jones
- 74. Tahjadean Cuttino

University's Home Grown

Early High Schoolers



These 26 students embarked on a journey as young scholars, new to the world of high school, yet they excelled with stellar performance. Six years later, they now are heading down a different road to life: College. There is no doubt that their academic success won't continue on for the next four years and their determination will remain no matter the endeavor. They leave this year, with a part of their life ending, and another beginning. Good luck to our homegrown scholars, and may their future forever prosper.

Tatyana, Genesis, Shari, Tiiera, David, Tamara, Alexus, Al-Meeka, Harry, Amir, Mazayah, Ra-quan, Jade, Za'Kieyah, Bismi, Madison, Nyrik, Sundiata, Ryan, Josten, Jose, Janet, Delecia, Janiyyah, Quiyana, and Indira.

The Glow Up ...

8th Grade vs. Now







Tatyana Harold

Genesis Vasquez







Shari Harris-Graham

Tiiera Broxton











Tamara Connor



Alexus McKoy





Al-Meeka Jenkins





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Ra-Quan Jackson





Jade Lewin





Za'Kieyah Singleton



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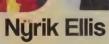


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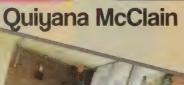
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THE BEST OF THE BEST



Biggest Class Clown Brandon Walters



Weirdest Laugh Natasha Wilson



The Quietest
Annika Aikens-Berry



Most Artistic/Creative
Tamara Connerr



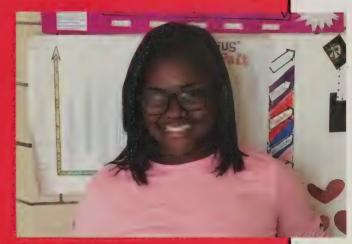
Teacher's Pet Sabbathina Agyei



Best Personality
Ashley Perez

CLASS OF 2017





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Best Hair Keturah Clarke-Fulton

The Biggest Over-Achievers



Kyrie Howard
Sabbathina Agyei



Most Dramatic

Dwgn Boule



The Loudest Natasha Wilson

THE BEST OF THE BEST



Javandre House



Best Smile



Nichelle Diego



Best Singer Kiyanda Williams



Most Dependable

Kyrie Howard



Biggest Transformation
David Williams



CLASS OF 2017



Harry Sisco

Best Dressed

Al-Meeka Jenkins



Sundiata Shakur

Best Dancers

Indira Munn





Best Athletes

Mazayah Young

Jade Lewin

THE BEST OF THE BEST



Brandon Walters

Life of the Party

Natasha Wilson



Most Likely to Make Millions
Tyrone Flounoy



Worst Case of Senioritis

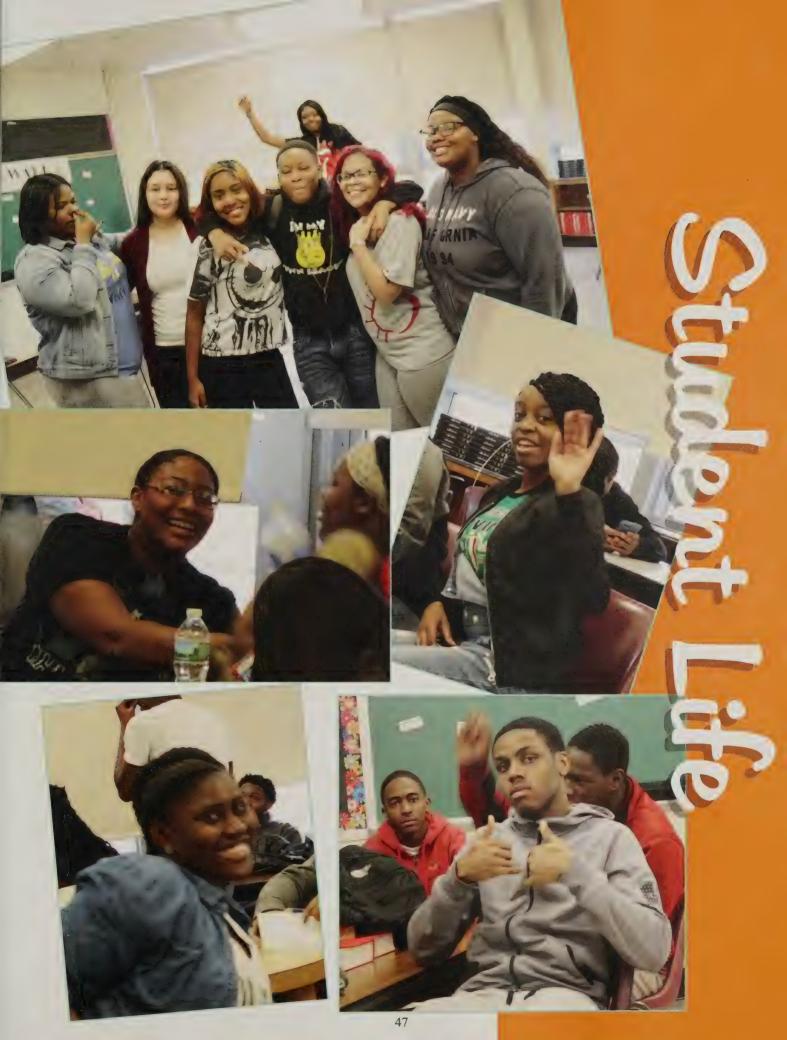
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Talloween at University





The Cast of Stranger Things







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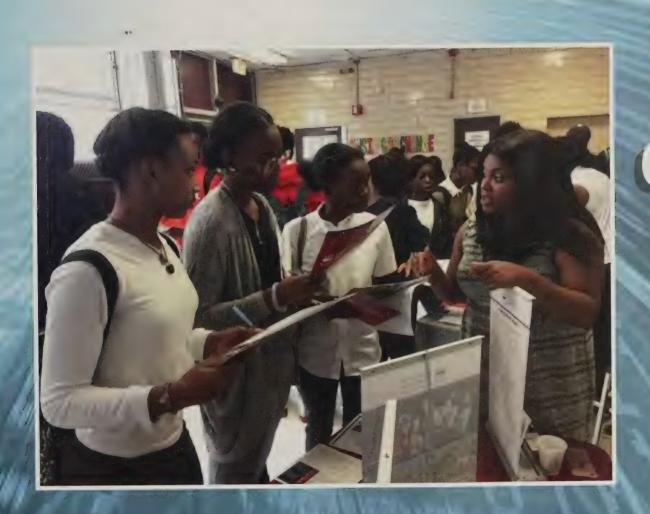










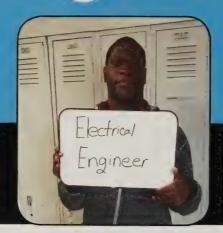


National College Commitment Day



#careergoals











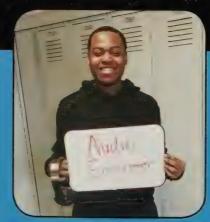


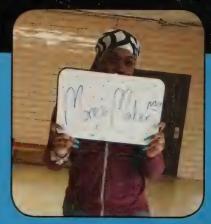




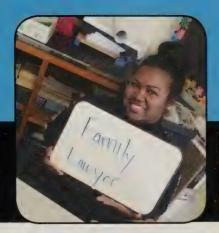
















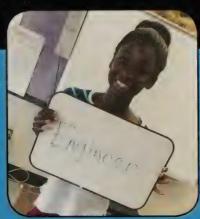


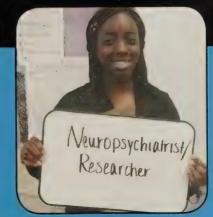


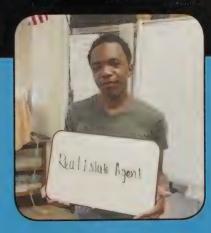












CHARACTER SCHOLARSHIP LEADERSHIP SERVICE

University's National Honor Society

I have always enjoyed being in the National Honor Society, even as a middle schooler. The yearly trips we have taken, to Boston and the Poconos, have been some of the highlights of NHS. As President, I enjoyed choosing which community service projects we would participate in and what trips to plan. Being President also taught me what it is like to be a leader. I want to say my final goodbyes to the after-induction food and missing class to complete community service projects. Lastly, my advice to the underclassmen members: Once you become Seniors, don't let Senioritis keep you from maintaining a 3.5 GPA. Shout out to Mrs. Osoria for being a great advisor and ensuring that the NHS members had fun each year.



Alexus McKoy President



Sabbathina Agyei Vice President

It has been such a great honor to be a part of the National Honor Society for the past three years. This has been the best experience I have had throughout my high school years. As the Vice President of NHS, it has been wonderful to serve all of you. I wish all the new members and the incoming officers the best of luck and assure you that this is one of the best and memorable experiences you will have. This society will surely make you proud to be a part of it. Not all students get the opportunity, so take advantage and make the best of it. Lastly, thanks to Mrs. Osoria for giving me such an outstanding opportunity. You are the best advisor anyone could ever ask for and I enjoyed every moment working with everyone. Thank You and Good Luck!

In the past three years in which I have been a part of National Honor Society, I have felt very privileged to be considered a part of such an extraordinary society which opened endless opportunities for me. As secretary of NHS, I have enjoyed every moment of my newfound responsibility DESPITE the fact everyone ignores my emails! However, without NHS, I would not have been recognized for my achievements which so heavily encourage me to continue doing my best. I wish the current members of NHS well and I thank Mrs. Osoria for such wonderful opportunities!



Ashley Perez Secretary





Diana Akasike



Joniel Garcia



Tatyana Harold



Fatyma Karamoko



Janet Kwateng



Bessy Nwamara



Olukemi Ogunruku



Bobola Ogunruku



Jiandra Oliver



Jahjanaye Patterson



Kelly Prempeh



Mildred Sarpong

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." ~ Mohandas Gandhi





Gift Wrapping Presents!

University's Law Academy





Sabbathina Agyei

I have always wanted to be a lawyer so being apart of the law club has been an amazing experience. Mock trials, debating over the law and it's applications and learning about how lawyers thinks has enhanced my interest and knowledge in the law field. These wonderful experiences do not apply to only the law field but also to every aspect in life.



Kyle Hunter

With the huge decrease in passionate lawyers many have overlooked the Future Law Club. When first joining the Law club, I was informed of its rigor level and the hard work and dedication it took to be apart of it. It seemed to be a set back at first but with so many unjust events happening in society, I felt it was necessary to understand the legal aspect behind it all. Over the course of three years I've learned court proceedings, the different type of charges in a trial, and most importantly my rights. After using real life applications of the law, it has given me a special skill set to legally protect myself, whereas other scholars were unable to receive.



Ane Quito

When I became part of the law program, I was taught that "the constitution is the supreme law of the land", made not only to establish our rights but to protect us against our own government. From that day on I learned invaluable information including consumer rights and defenses from torts all the way to first degree Murder. No matter the case, I learned how to legally protect myself. Despite the tedious do nows and plies of homework, the law program provided us the means to learn law in the way most Newark Public Schools could not afford to. Especially in such an unjust society, we are privileged to be given the opportunity to learn not only the uses of some laws but how to bend them in our favor.



Annika Aikens-Berry



Bismi Asiatic



Mecca Brooks



Jose Caba



Velassity Carambot



Ryan Clark



Derrick Cooke



Amir Craig



Amoni Davidson



Jyrone Flounoy



Janisha Foster



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Christine Small



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Genesis Vasquez



Jordan Ward



Skyie Watson



Johnny Wright



Mazayah Young

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"If a law is unjust, a man is not only right to disobey it, he is obligated to do so."

~Thomas Jefferson

University High School

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Class of 2017





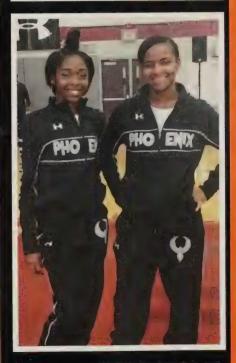




























University's Marching Band



1st Place Marching Band 2017 St. Patrick's Day Parade

Class of 2017 Marching Band Members...



Jose Caba

Being a member of the marching band was a new experience for me. I learned how to play a new instrument and enjoyed being a part of a larger unit. It felt great putting in the hard work and the outcome of winning 1st place at the battle of the bands.



Nafee Dwight

I really enjoyed being a part of the band. Although the committment and hard work involved is intense, it was well worth it



Joniel Garcia

Playing in the band was not only a great experience but one of the best decisions I made. The marching band made history by winning the battle of the bands for the first time and it was an honor being a part of it.



Kyrie Howard

Mr. Dixon was the best music teacher I could ask for and because of him I developed a new found appreciation for music.



Khailon Jones

My experience with band has been fun. I plan on continuing to play an instrument thanks to Mr. Dixon for showing me how great music can be.



Jodiel Maisonet

What an AMAZING feeling to be a part of something that sounds good enough for FIRST PLACE. i just wish I had more time to play and perform with my brothers and sisters.



Alexus McKov

I enjoyed playing percussion since sophomore year. My favorite performances would have to be the St. Patrick's Day parade and the first Pep Rally. I'm going to miss everyone in the band.



Hamid Muhammad

It's been a great honor to bring first place to University High School. I know that there will be more trophies to come.



Bobola Ogunruku

I enjoyed playing and making beats on the spot. Music is a very good art to experience. I believe making music is a vibe.



Brandon Walters

I would've never thought that I would be in such a position, to lead over 30 high school kids and have them actually listen to you. I considered every moment a privilege and honor to serve as the drum major. Here's to the beginning of a new legacy at University High School.



Jordan Ward

This was my first year joining the band and playing music. I enjoyed the parade and I might play drums after high school.



Tyler Williams

I enjoyed competing and getting better at something I enjoyed doing. I would definitely do it again.













Band Dancers



Tijera Broxton

I enjoyed dancning for the band since the 8th grade. Everything was fun despite all of the craziness. I was a proud captain my senior year and had a great squad behind me. We started many new ventures together like dancing half times and at the parade.



Iyannah Davis

Being one of the captains of UHS's Band Dance
Team has definitely been a journey. We came from doing events at school and not being noticed to the outside world to our first parade and winning 1st place. As captain I am proud of my girls for walking this journey with me.



Indira Munn

The first year of me attending university was 7th grade in 2011. That same year was my first year ever band dancing along with being the youngest band dancer definitely put pressure on me. Our first performance was pep rally and after that day I fell in love with it and its been my life these last six years.



Skyie Watson

This year was an incredible way to end my senior dance career with the win of 1st place in the 5th Annual Marching Band Competition. This was also our first time doing it as well. Through all the mess it was worth it in the end.



Diane Akasike

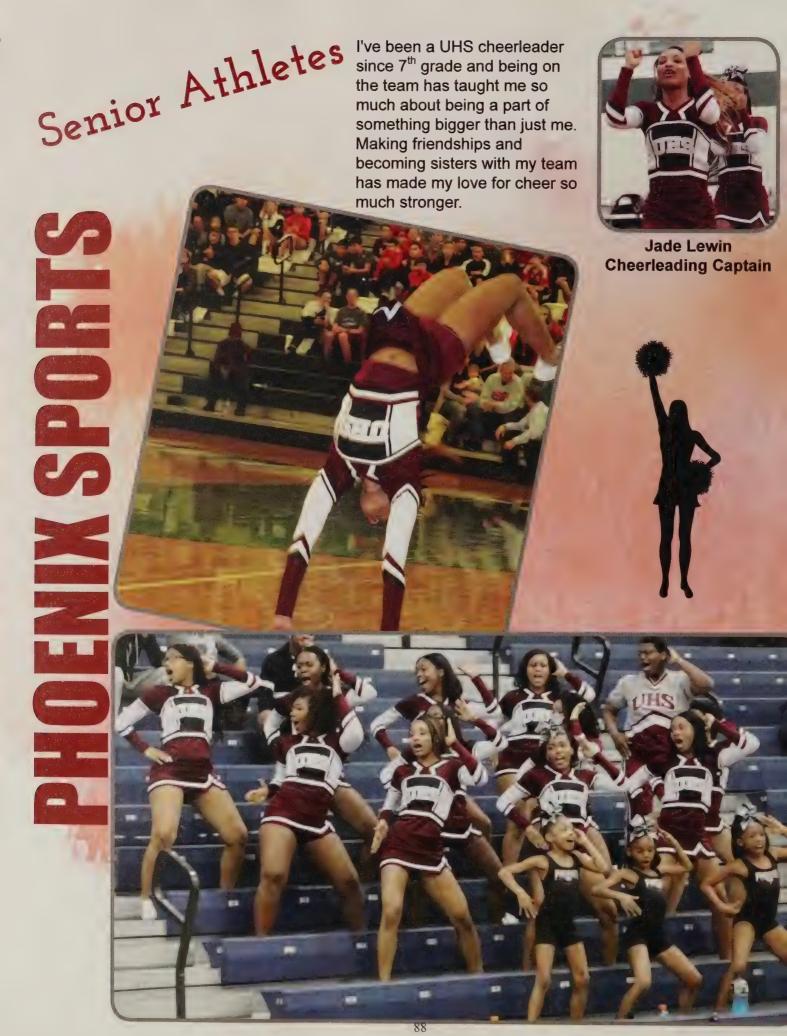


Rajiyah Baskerville



Fatyma Karamoko





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Nyreese Benders Guard

Playing ball was fun but being a big brother for the younger kids was a great experience. I lead the team in scoring and three points made. We won two sectional championships and one state championship with me here.







Javandre House Point Guard

I love my team and wouldn't trade any of them for the world. I appreciate the opportunity give to me by University High School to play for the team. Thank you!









Al-Jabree Jackson-Tomlin
Point Guard

I love basketball. Basketball was the way I relieved my anger. I could take my mind off of everything.





Mazayah Young Scorer

I would die for the game of basketball. I'm proud to say I've played this game.









Amoni Davidson Center

I've played basketball all four years and it has honestly been a pleasure to be a part of the team. It has shown me a lot of life lessons that I will remember.

Out of my four years of playing basketball at University High School, I would say that my senior year was the best. My hard work and dedication to basketball began to show on the court. Although I experienced many challenges, I continued to stay motivated and determined while always being a team player.



Kiyanda Williams Small Foward



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Mecca Brooks Setter

Playing on the volleyball team for coach Wilson was probably the best thing I could have done during high school. While every team comes with ups and downs, we definitely had more ups than downs and I'll do anything to play again.



Khadijah Clarke Outside Hitter

As a freshman, I never thought I was going to turn out and be this BEAST! I love volleyball! I love taking the 4 steps into the air and swinging doen on the ball. I will definitely continue playing this sport and holding my position down.





Sabbathina Agyei Co-Captain

Playing tennis has been the best part of my high school experience. My teammates were the most supportive and cooperative people through games and practices. Through that I made new memorable friends and learned good sportsmanship skills, disciplinary skills and most time management. I will always cherish the moments I had on the team.



Amoni Davidson

I only played tennis my senior year and i wish I would have played all four years if I knew how fun it was. The team was wonderful and I'm happy I tried something new.





Ashley Perez Co-Captain/Captain

Playing tennis was one of my best high school experiences and it wouldn't have been made so if it weren't for my teammates and beloved coach, Ms. Wilson.



Olukemi Ogunruku Second-Doubles

I really wish I could go back in time and play tennis since my freshman year. I never knew what kind of great people I would play with. I am certainly playing tennis in college and I wish for the others to have a great upcoming season.



Alexus McKoy Center Field

I enjoyed learning the sport of softball and interacting with the members on the team. Our team spirit made the experience worth while.



Skyie Watson

When I started playing softball I was the only freshman and now it's my senior year. I love my team and even though they may be weird our bond is very strong. We worked very hard this season and I am very proud! I will miss my team.









Jose Caba Designated Hitter

For the three years that I have been on the team, it has always felt like a family.









Joniel Garcia 1st and 3rd Baseman

Playing baseball was a great experience and I enjoyed every second of it. We had our ups and downs but at the end of the day we stood together as a team which I am proud to be a part of.





Ryan Clark

Track was something new I wanted to try and it turned out really good. I've made progress, medaled in a few races and developed a bond with the other runners on my team. I'm thinking about running in college and getting that experience.



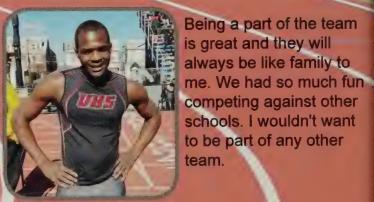
Tahjadean Cuttino

Running track has changed my life. I will continue to endulge in this sport because it was very beneficial and I have a passion for it.





Tamara Connor Sprinter



Nafee Dwight

Four years of just running at practice sucks. But having a team that is supportive and lit makes the effort put into running just as worthy as the progress you make. The track team knows it's time to eat at a meet.



Kyrie Howard

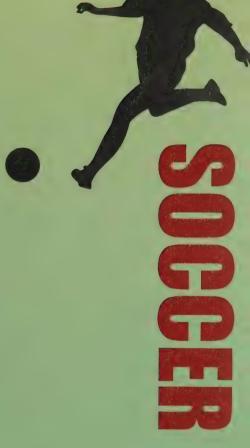
Running track for three years was fun and made me happy knowing that I was a part of a team and made contributions to help as a whole was the nest feeling I could ask for.

UHS Senior Athletes



Edwin Konadu Striker

I learned some of the best life lessons playing soccer. Never compare yourself to others, motivate yourself at all times, and push through the most difficult obstacles. Always be supportive and be a team player.





Bobola Ogunruku

Soccer was very fun and it gave me hope to be a soccer player. But there was too many Hatians.





Senior Off-Site Athletes The following seniors played football for different schools in the district.



Nyreese Benders Wide Reciever **Free Safety**

Playing football for Central was an amazing experience. In all, I like the physical aspect of the game and of course making touchdowns.



Jodiel Maisonet Cornerback/ Reciever

Playing football for Central was an amazing experience. All in all, I like the physical aspect of the game and of course making touchdowns.



Hamid Muhammad
Defensive End
Offensive Tackle

Even though we had a lot of problems, we still stuck together and played through the season. Hard work beats talent when talent lacks hard work.



Sundiata Shakur Linebacker Defensive End Left Guard

Football is probably one of the best things that happened to me. It was definitely a highlight of my life. Everything about football helped me fall in love with it and I'm glad I had a chance to play it.



Dante Shearin
Half Back
Outside Linebacker

It was a great experience and I'll always love the family that the Red Raiders are.







Al-Jabree Jackson-Tomlin

Class Advisor



Lawren Monroe Senior Class Advisor

It seems like only yesterday that I walked into University High School to encounter a room filled with nervous seniors; we have all come such a long way together in just one year, and YOU ARE NOW STANDING AT THE DOOR OF GRADUATION, READY to go INTO THE REAL WORLD.

I WOULD LIKE TO START by CONGRATULAING YOU ALL ON YOUR GRADUATION SUCCESS. WATCHING YOU ALL DEVELOP AND GROW INTO CONFIDENT AND INTELLEGENT YOUNG ADULTS HAS BEEN AN EXTREMELY REWARDING EXPERIENCE FOR ME. YOUR WILLINGNESS TO LEARN AND YOUR INNATE INTELLIGENCE AND GIFTS HAVE MADE YOU ALL A JOY. I HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN ALL YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

I AM VERY PROUD TO HAVE BEEN A PART OF THIS CHAPTER IN YOUR LIFE. YOUR HARD WORK AND DETERMINATION AGAINST ALL ODDS IS TRULY COMMENDABLE. I HOPE YOU CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO OTHERS IN NEED AND have success WHEREVER YOU GO.

REMEMBER TO ALWAYS BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION, NOT THE PROBLEM.

REMEMBER THERE IS GREATNESS INSIDE OF YOU.

REMEMBER CAN'T IS NOT AN OPTION.

REMEMBER THERE ARE ALWAYS MORE PEOPLE FOR YOU THAN AGAINST YOU.

Remember never put your large vision into someone else's frame.

Remember never settle for average when you are exceptional.

Remember to always love yourself.

Remember eagles always fly high never low.

Remember to let your light shine wherever you go!

"Life is not a path of coincidence, happenstance, and luck, but rather an unexplainable, meticulously chartered, course for one to touch the lives of others and make a Difference in the world."

(Author unknown)



Sabbathina Agyei Class of 2017 Valedictorian



Diane Akasike Class of 2017 Salutatorian

Class Officers



Kyle Hunter Class President



Natasha Wilson Class Vice President



Tatyana Harold Secretary



Rajiyah Baskerville Treasurer

"To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart."

~Eleanor Roosevelt

FAREWELL FROM THE ...

CLASS OF 2016

All endings are also beginnings. We just don't know it at the time.

Mitch Albom, The Five People You Meet In Heaven



Sabbathina Agyei

Wow! It is over.....oh wait....I thought it was over cause we finally graduated, but I forgot for a second that we still got years of schooling ahead. College, masters, doctorate, Phd, oh boy! Hate to break this to you, but it is not over yet, it is about to get harder and more stressful. Late night studies and countless homeworks with numerous responsibilities which gives me headache just by the thought. But what I am forgetting to say is that, "WE GOT THIS! Class of 2017. Just like we struggled through to finish this first phase, let us make up our minds that we can reach our goals, because, "quitters never win". It has been a great experience with you all and thanks to each and everyone of you especially to my teachers and friends. I wish you all the best of luck in your future endeavors.



Annika Aikens-Berry

To All of My Fellow Classmates of 2017:

I want to say thank you for making my senior year a great one and I will miss you all dearly. When I first came to this school, I felt uncomfortable at first. But then, I got used to it and developed friendly relationships with all of you. There may be some of you that I know since elementary, middle, last year, or even the year before. But in all, you guys are best and I will never ever forget the faithful memories we had together. Thank you so much. -Annika Aikens-Berry



Katherine Angulo

Since freshmen year, I learned numerous things about not only about myself but about the people around me. I learned to mature and adapt to my environment. I was able to get new friends and open myself up more, it's a great feeling to be around people of your background so no one ever feels left out. Now that it's our last year together, it's going to be a tragic leaving those who I just got close too and now is departing away. Even though this is a corny farewell, hope everyone does what they desire.



Rajiyah Baskerville

Like I mean I don't know why you girls bother at this point. Like give it up, it's me, I win, You lose. Best of luck trying to catch up, slow pokes. XOXO

-THEDON



Melvin Boomer

Thank you University High School staff and students for the four years that I was here. I appreciate what you have done for me during these years of high school and I will cherish all the memories. I hope we all have great futures and accomplish more as we continue our lives. I won't forget the life lessons that this school has taught me. I will miss UHS and the class of 2017 but farewell. I hope we change the future together.



Dwan Bouie

To the class of 2017: These last four years have been eventful. I wish everyone the best of luck in whatever you decide to do after high school. I would like to give a special shoutout to some very special teachers that helped guide and mentor me throughout my years at University High School. Ms. Ruesta, Ms. Blake, Mr. Tuttle, Mr. DeFalco, Dr. Mungiello, Mr. Rubio, Mrs. Fultz, and Mrs. Stewart, thank you for all that you have done for me. I promise not to disappoint you!



Tiiera Broxton

I can remember six years ago walking into this building as a seventh grader. I have made many friends that I will truly miss. It's hard to believe that four years ago I walked across that bridge and said "I accept the challenge." Everything I do is for my angel in heaven. As one chapter is ending I know a new one is soon to begin. I thank my mom and dad for instilling great knowledge and responsibility in me and my siblings for showing me what a successful young lady looks like . To my friends BYE SUSSS.



LaShonda Carter

I entered high school with goals and good intentions to make it to my senior year which I already knew would happen. I got to know over 100 different kids and made long lasting friendships with people who will always be there no matter what. I cherish the relationships I had with teachers and other faculty members. This high school has changed me for the best. I have reached the end of the road and it was a fantastic ride!



Michael Casas

TO THOSE WHOM IT CONCERNS, in the years we've met I thank you for the progressive change you indulged me. I am grateful for your companionship and hope to remain in contact with you as we fade away towards our own path. Though it is tragic that we must seperate, I wish you the very best in life, in that you will succeed to wherever or whoever you wish to end with. In this I end with a simple thank you.



Ryan Clark

High School taught me a lot of lessons that I plan to use in my future. I'm gon miss a whole lot about these four years especially THE GANG! All the fam, y'all all know who you are, I love all y'all and hope we all stay connected after we step out this building. Goodbye to highschool, to this Class of 2017 and hello to the next step.. Life.



Almira Coachman

I'm grateful for the people that I have befriended over these last four years. Being at University High School has been a somewhat extraordinary experience that I enjoyed but in the end I hope everyone goes on to accomplish the goals they have set for themselves. I enjoyed my time her but I'm more excited to leave and begin a new chapter of life.



Tamara Connor

It has been a long six years and for some four years, I'll always remember dreading how we weren't finished yet as we moved to the next grade. But now we are finally out, deuces!!! I don't regret my time at Uni especially the time I spent with my peeps- Alexus and I should be nominated for best best frands. And I have to admit we've had some dope teachers, the most real and open. I want to wish the Queens and Kings of the class of 2017 the best, take risks, don't let fear stop you from being your best. From your black Afro sista.

-Tamara



Iyana Cooper

Looking back at the four years I've spent here it's hard not to cringe. I wish I can go back and do things differently but aye I'm glad it's over. Shoutout to Coppola, Tuttle, Arroyo and Ruesta for being the best teachers ever! And to my friends Shania, Nish, Stace, des, and Lec I love you guys to death. I know I'll see you all after high school. To the rest of ya'll, it's been real! Bye.



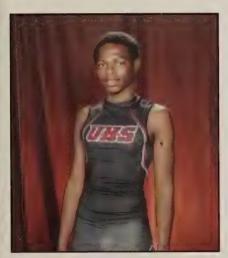
Amir Craig

Through the years I've spent in this school I've been able to grow and improve as a person academically and mentally. If school taught me anything it was to do what you got to do to achieve your goals and aspirations in life. I always taught myself not to be a statistic but to be an idol of my community. Shoutout to all my friends that I've been with since middle school and throughout high school.



Delecia Crawford

Being here since the 7th grade, I'm so ready TO GO!!!!!! GOODBYE to everyone. I enjoyed all the good times and have lots of memories to stick with me forever. I'm looking forward to my future and even though I don't like any of you, I wish you all good luck and success in your future. To my GANGGG! I love yall forever no matter what happens after we graduate. I cherished these 6 years here at Uni!! It taught me many things and prepared me for all great things ahead of me!!!!!



Tahjadean Cuttino

My freshman and sophomore year I will describe myself as disturbed. Only because I wasn't true to myself, but Junior and senior year I was fluent and easy just as the waves that flow in the sea. Now it time for me to begin life. Can't wait to see what's next........



Amoni Davidson

Wow! We really are seniors! It's been a long road and I'm more than happy to have spent it with you guys. I've never had a problem with anyone from my knowledge and I've been cool with you all for 4 years. So that's good and I just want to wish you all nothing but the best and happiness for the rest of your lives. You all deserve it, and remember that dreams only become realistic when you chase them. So don't be out here thinking you just can sit around and the money will come to you. You're not Beyonce. (I am) Haha.. But really though I am.. But to wrap this up! I hope everyone takes my advice and chase your dreams you all are worth it. TRUST ME! You can do it. Much love to you all. Buy my new album coming in 2018, Don't forget.

-Beyonce



Iyannah Davis

A class full of so much diversity but so much knowledge that no one can understand. They doubted us but we didn't let that stop us. Class of 2017 we lit baby! 10 Years from now, we will never be forgotten. I wish the best for you all, until we meet again....



Josten De Los Santos

Class of 2017 I am happy to say that I will miss some of you. We haven't all seen eye to eye and I'm not surprised. To my teachers throughout these 4 odd years I'm gonna remember 2 of you and I'm glad even though I didn't pay too much attention and always ate an amazing sandwich in class, I'm proud to say in your face I graduated. Your plan to make my highschool experience unbearable has failed quicker than Trump University. And let's face it 90% of us will be an assistant chef at a not so high end restaurant (Mc Donalds).



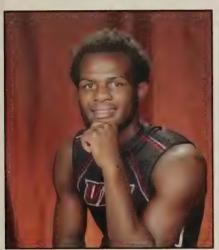
Nichelle Diego

High School is a lesson. You rise and you fall, you live and you learn and people come and go. Each year of it brought a new year resolution for me to live by. Whether I accomplished it or not I always tried my hardest. I learned to push myself to my limits when it is most important and walk away when I need to.



Michael James-Dixon

During your High School years, it's nothing you can't encounter. There people you'll build friendships with, there's loved ones you'll lose. But if there's anything i've learned, it's to never show your hand and when things get tough, you must bounce back even stronger than before because you may enter the real world alone and it won't wait for your happiness or success. But if you're lucky enough to find people you fight with but find it hard to be without, or people that motivate you to be the greatest you can, hold them down. They can be friends for life......If you're lucky.



Nafee Dwight

The last three years I spent in this school had it's ups and downs. I want to thank all the staff that helped me along the way. You guys are the best. I want to give a special thanks to Ms. Muhammad, Ms. Gray, and most of all my school mom, Ms. Monroe. These hardworking women have really been patient with me and given me their all. Goodbye everyone and thanks for the experience.



Nyrik Ellis

One thing I hate is a liar, people don't know me they act like my homie and hate on me and my attire, I just put on for me and my brothers and ever since the gang been on fire we good but we trynna get higher.



Tyrone Flounoy

It's been a long day without you, my friend and I'll tell you all about it when I see you again we've come a long way from where we began oh, I'll tell you all about it when I see you again when I see you again.



Aque'l Frazier

Thank you guys for all the wonderful years. It was great knowing you all and I hope we all have great futures and a lot of years to come. I want to thank all the teachers for helping us get this far. We are going to miss them, and will keep them in mind when we, the Class of 2017, go to college. We have been successful because of our teachers. I wish the Class of 2017 the best of luck.



Joniel Garcia

Thanks to everyone who has at one point helped me get through high school. Shout out to Kelly for letting me cheat off of one of our final exams sophomore year. If it weren't for you I might have ended up in summer school that year. Shout out to Ashley for letting me copy just about every single homework assignment throughout our four years. You basically saved my life and GPA. Once again thanks and it's been real.



Destiny Gibson

So long, farewell. Au revoir, Auf Weidersehen. I leave and heave, a sigh and goodbye. Goodbye. I'm glad to go, I cannot tell a lie. I flit, I float, i\l fleetly flee, I fly. The sun has gone, to GRADUATE and so must I. So long, farewell, Auf Weidersehen, goodbye. Goodbye. Goodbye.



Tatyana Harold

Graduation day, University High. A day when we officially leave the refuge of high school and begin our real lives. But what of those lives, as we go into the world? What matters most? Is it about the things we create? The things we achieve? The awards we win? Is it about who we are when we fail? What's more important-what we become, or how we become it? You ever hear the expression you can't measure heart? Well the truth is they can't measure any of it: heart... want... need... You can't measure character, and you can't measure a dream.



Sha'nyeyah Hollins

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Javandre House

After my 4 years at University I have watched myself grow from a childish little boy to a insightful young man. My favorite rapper lil herb once said "I'm just a product of what made me" these lyrics mean a lot to me because I am a product of what made me being from Newark I think and move differently. Special thanks to my coaches and teammates ayye coach rah yah boy made made it I appreciate everything also thanks to coach O for always buckling down on me. It's much appreciated but after all these 4 years of hell it's been real MACC out.



Kyrie Howard

Kyrie Howard, Who am I? How will I be remembered? The weirdest, but in a funny way kinda kid who has a lot going for him if he just stopped slacking. The kid that has the friends who are the funniest but, only I know how funny they are because everybody doesn't understand our form of comedy. I really don't care too much. I'm me and I'm proud to say that because most can't.



Kyle Hunter

Even though I have not known the class of 2017 from freshman year, a young strong tree was planted my sophomore year. After developing, maturing, and overcoming obstacles, it is now time for this tree to grow branches and those branches soon become prosperous. No matter how dedicated you are, there is someone inside you more dedicated. Whatever you start you must finish. It's your duty after you turn this page in life to not let the desire of quitting win, and continue the succession that these four years has given you. Best of luck to the Seniors of 2017



Ra-quan Jackson

Man listen I feel like I've been in this building all my life. All the ku stuff, all the drama, and all the other stuff. But guess what, I'm still here standing ten toes down with my friends. I learned a lot and trust me I surely have been through a lot as well. I used to be a shorty now i'm 100% GANG! And it ain't never changing and that's on VITO! I really studied a lot as well the books are really good for you son I learned that! I studied so much I'm BOOKED! But on the real I love yal man 150 DT Pistol Gang NLMB 4L!



Al-Meeka Jenkins

I've been apart of the University High School Gifted And Talented family since 2011. This amazing journey and experience have been the best seven years of my life. I'm glad I decided to be a PHOENIX! Shoutout to all my teachers that passed me by that one point tho! -Should've Been A PHOENIX!



Gabrielle Johnson

The three years I have been in this school hasn't been as bad I thought it would be. I have a couple of teachers and students to thank for being there for me. Especially my close friends who had the time to deal with my crazy ideas, and Ms. Gray and Ms. Muhammad for dealing with my quite yet stubborn personality. So I bid farewell to everyone and thank you for the wisdom left within me.



Diamond Jones

We have come a long way. New friendships, indestructible bonds, and most of all unforgettable moments. Although we've had our ups and downs, I couldn't imagine spending 4 years with anyone else. Some still may not like others, but that's normal. Family is bound to bump heads now and then, that's what makes them different. So for some this may be goodbye and other see you later. So hopefully I see you at our 10 year reunion. Until then POP OUT SUS!!!!



Fatyma Karamoko

From the beginning of summer bridge to the day of graduation, the Class of 2017's experience here at University High School was a roller coaster ride. Fights and arguments have occurred, yet significant lessons have been learned and lifelong friendships have been gained. My girls, the African Princesses, have always made the best of the roughest days. Looking back, I know I have grown since I've enrolled here as a freshman. Looking forward, I know I will continue to glo' and flourish, and I wish the same to all my classmates.



Edwin Konado

Life is game, there are some fun parts and there are sad parts. But the major key alert is to # WIN. But winning isn't easy, you have to fight hard "No pain, No gain." The struggles are going to come but be bold and move on. People choose to make money, money in easy ways like stealing and gambling but it is not the best choice to make because there will definitely be consequences which will affect your life forever and will also affect your generations to come. Believe in tomorrow and live your life to the fullest because you can be out(dead) in just a second but God forbid in case that happens what will you be remembered for? Live your life as never lived before, but in general the key is to win. Remember YOLO (You Only Live Once)



Janet Kwateng

Learn to let go of the past, and recognize that everyday won't be funny. Remember it's only in the black of night that you see the stars, and those stars will lead you back home. So don't be afraid to make mistakes, to stumble and fall, because most of the time, the greatest rewards come from doing the thing that scare you the most. Who knows what life will bring us or take us sometimes you'll get everything you wish for. Somedays you could get more than you could have ever imagined. The road is long but in the end, the journey is the destination. Adios my brother and sisters. I've been waiting for this day all my life and it's finally here, I'm out here!



Jade Lewin

I've been through so much with you guys & I thank yall for the "high school" experience. So many lessons learned & so many memories made, I just want to thank everyone that gave me positive & negative feedback. You made me greater & a real special shoutout to the real ones, My Friends. Love you guys, & I hope you do well, Distance could never keep us apart. I hope everyone gets the best out of life & no matter what always be great.



Jodiel Maisonet

I came to University in 2013 and was blinded to all the opportunities that the school provided. I ran track from Freshman year till Junior year, took instrumental for two years learning to play the trumpet, learned to be a better typer and improved in all my subjects. I regret not taking these classes earlier and having them for a four year period or sticking to my favorite sport. My advice for everyone is to take advantage of what you can learn and do in their your year period.



Mabel Martinez

It was fun while it lasted being criticized by others and proving them wrong every time. Farewell class of 2017 may all of you pursue your dreams and goals that you guys have set for yourself. I enjoyed the four years in this school and I hope everyone else did too. Til we meet again Class of 2017!



Quiyana McClain

When I first came here, I was rushing to be a senior. And now honestly I just wanna go back. Time flew and so did some weaves. Now that this journey is over Imma let this go by saying forget all of yall I'm ignoring feelings here, premature millionaire, welcome to my realest year. Now that I'm out, Imma go be great. And that's a Snapple fact! Try to keep up IoI. And s/o to my Ku a** gang!



l'Janiyah McCombs

Well Class Of 2k17, This Is It What We All Been Waiting For . . The End Of Highschool! Since Freshman Year We've Always Had Hatred Towards Our Class But Truthfully I Believe We've All Improved Within These Past 3 Years Not Only Individually But As A Class Too. We Argued, We Fought, And Disagreed On A Lot Of Things But At The End Of The Day When It Was Time To Come Together We Came Together! I Wish Nothing But Successful Lives For You All In The Future I Hope You Accomplish ALL Of Your Goals And Most Important Just Be Happy.



Alexus McKoy

To my melaninated people: Although I wasn't friends with many of y'all, hope you all the best once we leave these walls. My six years at this school may have took forever to go by, but I will never forget the great times I shared here. Shout out to my best friend, Tamara, who walked in this building and will leave this building with me. And to all: Live Life; Stay safe; and Be black. Unapologetically.



Hamid Muhammad

My time at University has been great. I want to wish the class of 2017 good luck in the future. Follow your dreams. I am the first in my family to go to the next level, I'm ready for the challenge and will not let anyone down. Thank you to all the teachers who helped me along the way and guided me through this journey.



Indira Munn

Aye get lit, It's finally over. My six years at University have been a lot but I had a good run with this dysfunctional class. We had a lot of drama, but in the end we always came together. Hands down one of Uni littest classes juhurd!! But no fr I love my class through everything and thank University for everything they've brought to me. I made friends with people I never thought I'd talk to in life but most importantly I found a family outside of my home, gang know what it is see you when I see you.



Bessy Nwamara

High school has been a terrific roller coaster journey. The good, the challenges but no matter what we've strived to come this moment of our lives. However, this is not the end of our journey, every ending has a new beginning. This beginning will have many challenges. When the challenges come, I hope you remember that anchor deep within you is the ability to learn and grow. You are not born with a fixed amount of resilience. Like a muscle, you can build it up, draw on it when you need it. In that process you will figure out who you really are and you just might become the very best version of yourself. Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened!



Bobola Ogunruku

Its been a very good and hardworking four years of my life in University High School. Teachers and my advisors have brought me up and turned me into a better person that I have always dreamt of. I never expected my four years to go by very fast. I wish I can rewind the day I first stepped into this school and start all over again.



Olukemi Ogunruku

The time is finally here! We are the graduating class of 2017, a day I've been looking for years. Even though I've been waiting for graduation, never in million years did I think that it's that time to graduate. As a class, we are all young and determined individuals, and regardless of how many people have looked down on us, we have proved to them that we are strong individuals who fights for nothing more than the best. Since freshmen year, I can honestly say that all of us have grown both mentally and physically. Even though we may all not get along as a class, or even talk on a daily basis but trust me when I say I want nothing but the best for all of us, I mean it. I dream of us becoming doctors, lawyers, teachers, business women/men and much greater. I would also like to thank all of you for making my high school years one of the best and most memorable experiences ever. Thank you for making the Class of 2017 one of the best graduating classes of all time and thank you for allowing me to have a different mindset on life itself. You guys have taught me that whatever happens in life happens for a reason and to always do your best and leave the rest. Class of 2017, good luck in life and stay safe.



Tiandra Oliver

High school has hands down been the ultimate changing experience for me. Flourishing with a class so diverse as this one has really been quite an interesting yet amazing journey. I can honestly say every individual has had their own unique impact on me, resulting in unforgettable memories. These four hard working years will forever hold the deepest footprints of my life. I wish everyone the best of luck in reaching future goals and embarking in new beginnings.



Tahjanaye Patterson

As a young girl entering high school, not knowing what to expect confused and unidentified, I was determined to get to know myself and the people around me. Throughout the years I realized that people will just love and support you when it was beneficial and that you have some supporters but more doubters. But I always kept it moving, classy and graceful and now it's time to end this chapter and start a new one.



Ashley Perez

Looking back now, I'm delighted to finally leave. It's been a stressful yet enjoyable four years of my life here at University High School. I'm grateful for all my teachers and the education they have provided me; because of them I was able to achieve all that I could. I'm also appreciative of all my friends for allowing me to be able to depend on them when necessary and always checking up on me, I love y'all.



Kelly Prempeh

Thank you guys for all the wonderful years. It was great knowing you all and I hope we all have great futures and a lot of years to come. I want to thank all the teachers for helping us get this far. We are going to miss them, and will keep them in mind when we, the Class of 2017, go to college. We have been successful because of our teachers. I wish the Class of 2017 the best of luck.



Ane Quito

Freshman year I read the book the Glass castle and it stated, "It's the Joshua tree's struggle that gives it its beauty."

Sophomore year I read The Lottery. It stated that, "Although the villagers had forgotten the ritual...they still remembered to use stones."

Junior year I read The Great Gatsby. "the orgastic future... It eluded us then, but that's no matter... stretch out our arms farther."

Senior year I read Hamlet. "There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so."

There's always a new chapter in life. Let's make the most of this year.



Mildred Sarpong

"It's the oldest story in the world. One day you're seventeen and planning for someday, and then quietly, without you ever really noticing, someday is today, and that someday is yesterday and this is your life."



Sundiata Shakur

My years at University have been very long being that I have been here for 6 years. These 6 years have been a very long journey. Probably the most important year was my junior year. In high school a lot of people get a sort of realization year and mine was my junior year. I would like to thank all the staff at University as well as my football coaches at Eastside for helping me get through the year and move on to college.



Askia Sharif

Wow! It's been an unexpectedly quick 4 years. I didnt expect my 4 years of high school to turn out how it did. Over these past years I've been through a lot of ups and downs but through it all I had great times here at University. No matter what do not let high school change you, still be yourself no matter what. Don't believe high school is hard it's not it's what you make it if you believe and think it's hard it will be, but be determined and believe and you will succeed. Never give up and always believe.... ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE!



Dante Shearin

Wow it's been an amazing experience in University. it's still hard to believe I'm a senior and an adult when just yesterday I was excited to try Uni for the first time. Thank you University High School, and class, we're the end of an era and a century. Them juniors, they still suck. Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened, we did it, we graduated. High school is a journey, not a destination now we're onto bigger things. All the stuff we've been through these four years we have no choice but to be great and pay it forward.



Breyannah Simon

My Fellow Seniors,

It is with sad words that I say farewell. Although this hasn't been an easy road for us, the time has come for us to say so long to University High School. Over these last four years we've cried together, laughed together and even shared each other's joys and pains. Each of the memories that were made here, we will carry on with us for the rest of our lives. As we begin to travel down unfamiliar journeys, I am sure we will always call 55 Clinton Place our home. So just like the Phoenix, let's dust ourselves off and rise up from the ashes to go forth and conquer the roads less traveled by. Thank you to all who believe in us even when we didn't believe in ourselves ~Class of 2017 let's applaud ourselves because WE DID IT...WE MADE IT...Forever a UHS Phoenix!



Za'Kieyah Singleton

Jealousy hides behind many faces. One day you're friends, one day you're not. Jealousy is the act of desiring something you can't have. It will not stop until you reach the top, which will never happen. Hating on one is a toxic disease that has no cure. Hope you didn't fall victim to my provoking ways! DONT CROSS ME OUT YOUR YEARBOOK. - THE BADDEST *kisses*



Harry Sisco

To the Class of 2017,

I've been at University for a total of 6 years with some classmates who have also been here this long. As a class we became the worse to come into this school. We were the worse freshmen class and still are considered the worse class to ever graduate University High School. It's cool though because we graduated!!! Our haters were our motivators, and as long as we got that diploma, people words were irrelevant. I hope everyone becomes successful in the near future and God Bless.



Christine Small

These last four years have been the most memorable years I've learned so much. I've grown as a person and made me realize things about myself I did not know and the person I strive to be. Ive made some of the best memories in this school. I grew to love everyone in my class and for that I'm grateful for being forced to love them. School was is the prison I do not understand.



Destiny Smith

These last four years were the most difficult but most memorable years of my life. I went through hard times but overcame them and still had the same motive which was to graduate. I'm ready for a new journey, i'm ready to explore a new world and leave this all behind, goodbye University.



Donta Torres

High School is what you make it, it's when you figure out what you want to do to further your goals in life. For you to succeed sacrifices have to be made and even if you feel as though you're failing at the dream you pursue just remember to keep up the Hard work, stay persistent and watch you will finally succeed.



Ivory Tyson

The minute I got to University I knew I wanted to leave. I did my 4 years & they freed me. Shoutout to Ms. Blake for always coming through whenever I needed her! Wish everybody the best as the journey continues



Tyrell Uzzell

High School is like a rollercoaster. It's full of twists and unexpected turns and for some people scary at first sight. Life is what you make it and high school is one of the few steps you have to take in order to do what you want to do. I remember coming to school everyday with headphones on, going to every class and every single teacher would tell me to take my headphones off. Those exact headphones were my way of dreaming. Dreaming that one day I will be one of the best music artist in the world.



Genesis Vasquez

University High School where the underdogs rise. We are the phoenix that rose from the ashes. 6 years flew by with just a blink of the eye, and we fast forward to our graduation day; we should all be proud of ourselves, we rose above the challenge. I'm so thankful for the the relationships that I have made with wonderful people who I now call my family. I am pleased with the person I've grown to be and I know I can only get better. P.S for anyone who is looking forward to a HSM...it's not like it.



Shania Venable

Saying goodbye is very hard. Especially when you've been somewhere for so long. But that definitely doesn't go for me. If I could stay home for four years I would. My time spend here wasn't as bad as it seems I've had good times and great memories but my time is at it's end. I thank my favorite teacher Mr. Julien and my favorite security guard Mrs. Daisy for making my time here fun. Class of 2017!!



Brandon Walters

There are countless ups and downs, moments of greatness and despair. High school has been full of battles we won and some we lost but that's what makes the experience great. Salute to all my classmates, thank you for teaching me the ways of life and allowing me to be the individual I am. See y'all in the future and farewell Class of 2017.



Skyie Watson

Wow the Class of 2017 really came along way Through all the fussing and fighting with each other we still manage to come together and stunt on everybody who said we were not going to succeed due to "our horrific behavior." Graduation could not have came any faster lord knows how long I've been waiting to walk across this stage and not think twice about coming back. But I did have many memories in this building good ones and bad ones, all of them was a learning lesson some way some how . I might dislike some of yall but I don't think I would have wanted to experience this "unnecessary drama" with anyone else. I just hope once we leave here everyone stays safe and do the right thingI want to see all yall when we have this booty reunion in 10 years ^__^



Daquan Whych

I came a long way and there is no turning back now. It's been a long hard 4 years of high school but I managed to push through it. I struggled with working and school but somehow I managed to get to school and graduate. A lot of people doubted me so it feels good to prove them wrong. I want to be a positive role model for my little brother so I want him to see me graduate and succeed. Love you ma.



Kiyanda Williams

You may remember me as that soft spoken girl Sometimes quiet but never shy Respectful,smart,and kind Always moving forward with a positive eye

You may remember me as that girl that will sing her heart out Or the one who loves to play basketball, The girl that remained the same And very different from all

But whatever you remember me as Just remember that I was always me, The child that my God created me as Is who I will always be.



Tyler Williams

Farewell to everyone, I hope the best for your future and you have all the success that you desire. We had good times and MANY bad times but all that brought us to this moment where SOME of us graduate.



Natasha Wilson

This is the time that we say goodbye to our high school years and hello to the new stages of life. It has been a bitter, but sweet four years here. Although high school has been mentally, emotionally, and physically straining it is with great pleasure to graduate with UHS class of 2017. Despite the fact that I didn't learn much due the lack of teachers University has taught me something that no other high school curriculum offers and that's resilience.



Mazayah Young

It's YOUNGOG I could say I came along way. I remember being posted with GANG in them hallways. It's crazy how I was just in the 7th grade a couple years ago and now I'm graduating. One thing I could say about high school is I stayed true and never switched up. Imma catch y'all on the flip tho, enjoy y'all life and be safe. LongLiveJay















Amoni Davidson

Congratulations from:

- Mom and Dad
- 2. Asanti and Ahmari
- Grandma
- 4. Auntie Nikki, Eddie, Kayla, and Shawn
- 5. Grandad and Grandma and The Fisher Family
- 6. Aunt Annie
- 7. Cedric Davis
- 8. Shelby Davis
- 9. Samuel Davis
- 10. Davis's Family
- 11. Shanti Rollins
- 12. Carl Rollins
- 13. Josh, Courtney, Jeremiah, CJ
- 14. Terisa and Mia Davis
- 15. Makia, Naysia, Kha-Jee
- 16. Pastor Wallace
- 17. Gregory Kilpatrick
- 18. Valerie Kilpatrick
- 19. Mr. and Mrs. Kern Samlal
- 20. Mr. and Mrs. Troy Williams
- 21. Tori, Carter, Chloe
- 22. Douglas Davis III
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- 24. Wayne, Barbara, and Brittany
- 25. Sparrow Family











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